

II. Remarks In Response to the Office Action

A. General Remarks

Claims 1-56 are pending. No claims have been added or deleted.

B. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21-39, 45-48, and 53-56 are allowed.

C. Claim Objections

Claim 40 is objected to for missing a dependency. In response, claim 40 has been amended to depend from claim 37.

D. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-20, 41-44, and 49-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for being allegedly directed to product and process in the same claim.

Assignee notes that independent claims 1, 13, 41, and 49 are apparatus claims directed to systems. To alleviate the Examiner's concerns about allegedly having product and process in the same claim, Assignee has amended claims 1-6, 13, 41, and 49 by rewording the claimed language. These amendments to claims 1-6, 13, 41, and 49 are cosmetic and do not narrow the scope of the claims. For at least these reasons, Assignee believes claims 1-20, 41-44, and 49-52 are definite, and Assignee respectfully requests allowance of these claims in the next paper from the Office.

E. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-20, 41-44, and 49-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly claiming both a system and a method step of using the system.

Assignee notes that independent claims 1, 13, 41, and 49 are apparatus claims directed to systems. To alleviate the Examiner's concerns about allegedly reciting both a system and method steps of using the system, Assignee has amended claims 1-6, 9, 13-14, 17, 41-42, 49

and 52 by rewording the claimed language. These amendments are cosmetic and do not narrow the scope of the claims. For at least these reasons, Assignee believes claims 1-20, 41-44, and 49-52 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 101, and Assignee respectfully requests allowance of these claims in the next paper from the Office.

F. Conclusion

This Reply is being filed concurrently with a Petition to Revive an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) in which an authorization to charge fees has already been made. Should any fees be due for any reason, the undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 501922, referencing 135-0051US.

To facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion, reconsideration, and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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